

REMARKS

The requirement for restriction is the only issue raised in the present Office Action. Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-9 and 11) for further prosecution on the merits.

The anode current collector as obtained by the surface treatment method of the present invention has the unique surface morphology as defined in claim 1. This is not known in the art within the range as understood by the Applicants to the relevant technology.

Therefore, the method of Group I is deeply related with a lithium secondary battery comprising an anode treated by such a method (Group II, i.e., “[a] lithium secondary battery comprising an anode treated or fabricated by the method of Claim 1, a cathode, a separator and a non-aqueous electrolyte containing a lithium salt). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the present Restriction Requirement and include the single claim 10 for further prosecution on the merits, along with provisionally elected claims 1-9 and 11.

The Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application for any non-elected subject matter in this application.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the presently submitted response, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

If there are any associated or additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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